



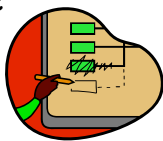
THINK FOOD

School Nutrition Programs

April 2010

SHIPMENT CHANGE

Due to the late receipt of the diced chicken into our Helena warehouse, it was pulled from Shipment 8 and moved to Shipment 10. It was replaced with a full order of potato rounds.



of Public Instruction (OPI) Web site soon for changes you wish to make to those items on your order at http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/index.html#gpm1_6.

2011 USDA FOODS ORDER UPDATE

No orders were placed for the following items: Blueberries Cult, Blackberries Evergreen, Bakery Mix, Carrots, Frz, Pancakes, Macaroni, Refried Beans, Turkey Brst Deli Smk, LSF Oil, Peas, Frz, Sweet Potatoes, and Tomato Paste.

Any remaining cases of Blackberries, Carrots, Frz, and Chix Brd 7 PC will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis at the beginning of the 2010-11 school year.

Enclosed is a list of the USDA Foods that will be available next year with the number of cases they will be either long or short. We hope to have the order form available on the Office



The OPI Food Distribution office will make final changes to the orders to ensure the number of cases ordered coincide with the number of cases available.



MORE DoD DOLLAR\$

The USDA has increased our DoD entitlement by \$114,205 for the 2010-11 school year. The money will be divided with \$150,000 to be spent before September 30, 2010, and \$300,000 for the rest of the school year.

A sign-up sheet for participating in the DoD Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program will be mailed **May 1, 2010**. Be sure to watch for it, fill it out, and return it to Kennie at the OPI Cooperative Purchase office by **May 25, 2010**.

If you have questions call Kennie at (406) 444-4412.

MONTANA SCHOOL NUTRITION ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

This year's Montana School Nutrition Association (MTSNA) conference will be held **June 15-17, 2010**, at the Red Lion Colonial Inn, Helena.

The conference planning committee has been working hard to include a variety of interesting and educational sessions along with fun activities and prizes.

The association will give away two tickets for the Charlie Russell Choo Choo Dinner (prime rib) Train along with a one-night stay at the Calvert Inn in Lewistown.



This great prize will be offered to **all new MTSNA members, all renewing MTSNA members, conference attendees who become certified** and all **certified MTSNA members** who renew their certification. To get your name in the drawing all new and renewing memberships must take place between now and **June 15, 2010**. All members renewing their certification must include previous certificates, as well as your check, when registering. **You must be present to win! See you there!!**



NATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM FEATURES MONTANA SCHOOLS

Cooks for Kids is a series of short training videos created by the National Food Service Management Institute that celebrates the fact that healthful food for children, can and should be served everywhere. This year's episodes feature Cooking Green Across America. They showcase recipes, techniques and practical solutions that schools can adopt to prepare healthier, tastier and environmentally sound meals.



The third episode of this national program is featuring our own **Missoula County Public Schools**. The videos can be viewed at <http://www.nfsmi.org/ResourceOverview.aspx?ID=324>.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR COOK SMART WORKSHOP

The Montana Team Nutrition Program will be offering regional *Cook Smart to Help Kids Eat Smart* training workshops in Billings, Glendive, Helena, and Malta.

The workshops will provide training on food preparation techniques and menu planning tips to help you serve meals and snacks that meet both the Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the USDA regulations. You will learn "cooking smart" tips to reduce fat, sugar, and sodium while increasing fiber, flavor and overall eye appeal.

The workshops are for food service managers, cooks and cook's assistants. The five-hour training will include lunch. The workshops are free but pre-registration will be required as they will be limited to 20 participants per site.

Except for the Helena site, which will be held June 15, 2010, as a pre-conference class at the Montana School Nutrition Association Conference, specific workshop dates have not been determined. The Billings location will be held in April 2010 and the Glendive and Malta sites will be in August 2010.

Dates and registration information will be coming out soon via Montana Team Nutrition, the OPI School Nutrition Programs and the MT Lunchline listserve.

For more information contact the Montana Team Nutrition office at (406) 994-5641 or e-mail Katie Bark at kbark@mt.gov.



USDA DRIED CHERRIES UPDATE

The USDA is reinvestigating the quality of the dried cherries that were received this year. The company could possibly be required to pick them up from our warehouse and replace them. Food Distribution has been asked to hold the remaining cherries until a determination is made. Any orders not already

shipped were pulled and will not be delivered.

DON'T MISS THE 2010 MONTANA SCHOOL NUTRITION ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE AND YOUR CHANCE TO WIN THE CHARLIE RUSSELL CHOO CHOO DINNER TRAIN TICKETS!! JUNE 15-17 2010



